



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : Gary B. Nickol

Group Art Unit : 1642

Applicants : Ugo Ripamonti, et al.

Application No.: 09/540,466 Confirmation No.: 2489

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For : METHODS FOR INDUCING ANGIOGENESIS

USING MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS AND

STIMULATORY FACTORS

New York, New York 10020 November 3, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the August 1, 2003 Office

Action in the above identified application. Applicants are

filing this reply before the expiration of the 3-month

shortened statutory period for this reply -- November 3, 2003

(November 1, 2003 being a Saturday) -- and, thus, no

extension fee is due..

Please amend the above application as follows:

Appln. No. 09/540,466 Amendment dated November 3, 2003 Reply to Office Action mailed August 1, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.